PROPOSAL 104 – 5 AAC 07.200. Fishing districts, subdistricts, and sections. Increase the commercial fishing area in District 5 of the Kuskokwim Area, as follows:

5 AAC 07.200(d) is amended to read:

(d) District 5 consists of that portion of Goodnews Bay east of a line from an ADF&G regulatory marker located at Red Mountain, approximately 3–5 [TWO] miles south of the seaward side of the entrance [MOUTH] of Goodnews Bay to an ADF&G regulatory marker located at Qengallek Point, approximately 3–4 [TWO] miles north of the seaward side of the entrance of Goodnews Bay and west of a line between the mouth of Ukfigag Creek at 59° 04.17' N. lat., 161° 36' W. long., and the mouth of the Tunulik River at 59° 08' N. lat., 161° 37' W. long."

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? Extend the line on the seaward side of the district. When the fishery opens during the summer there are lot of fishermen that comes down to Goodnews Bay District from other villages to fish and with the influx of fishermen there is a lack of space to fish, especially during low tides. The inside of the Bay shrinks to more than half of its size since most of the Bay becomes mudflats and most of it becomes very shallow and what little area of deep enough water to fish in, it always becomes congested creating sometimes tensions between the fishermen and the only option is to go outside of the Bay to fish and even outside with more boats from other villages there is lack of space to fish since it would be impracticable to fish very close to the other boats.

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